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Mr. Herbert S. Okun, Jr.
Undersecretary of State
Department of State
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Undersecretary,

The danger in the attack on the Baghdad reactor is that it signals that some nations no longer trust the IAEA safeguards and the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

I suggest that a special U.S. technical team be set up to visit Baghdad to see what safeguards can be added to the rebuilt reactor, to allay Israeli fears. I think the reactor would also probably permit one to learn what technical justification there was for the Israeli fears which led to the attack.

Persons that would satisfy both sections would be:

Hans Bethe, Nobel Laureate; refugee from Nazi Germany
Bernard Feld, Pugwash Organizer; Editor, Bulletin of the atomic scientists
Alvin Weinberg, Institute for Energy Analysis, Oak Ridge National Lab.
Richard Wilson, Professor of Physics, known to the Arab scientific world
Mohsen Shihab-Eldin, Ph.D., Nuclear Engineering, Berkeley; Director of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

I have not discussed this idea (which was originated jointly by me and Kuwell Mack) with the four people named above, but I know them all and am confident they would seriously consider participating in such a review.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wilson
Professor of Physics

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